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TOWN OF HERNDON'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS (DPW) ADVISES ON HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE REDUCTION

Herndon, VA (June 23, 2010) – Reduction and proper disposal of common hazardous materials should be a priority in all households within the Town of Herndon, advises the town's Department of Public Works (DPW).

DPW has created a page on the town's Web site, www.herndon-va.gov, (town services/refuse & recycling/household hazardous waste) that defines hazardous waste products – household cleaners, yard care products, paints and paint thinners, petroleum products, rodent poisons and other commonly used products – and emphasizes why proper disposal of such products is critical.

"Sanitation workers can be injured from toxins, corrosive materials or ignitable materials improperly mixed with regular solid waste," said Robert B. Boxer, director of Public Works. "Additionally, improper dumping of these materials on the ground or in waterways can threaten wildlife."

According to DPW, the safest way for town residents to dispose of household hazardous waste is to carefully package and transport materials to Fairfax County's Household Hazardous Waste site at I-66 Transfer Station Complex, 4618 West Ox Road, Fairfax. Operating hours are Thursday-Saturday, 8a.m. - 4p.m., and Sunday, 9a.m. – 4p.m.

The town's Web site also lists ways residents can reduce use of hazardous products by switching to safer alternative products; by purchasing products only in quantities as needed; and by storing hazardous products appropriately.

The Town of Herndon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 14, 1879. Located in western Fairfax County, Herndon is the 3rd largest town in the Commonwealth and is home to more than 23,000 citizens. Businesses located within the Town of Herndon, which range from high tech enterprises to entrepreneurially-owned establishments, employ approximately 25,000 people. *Business Week* Magazine has named Herndon one of the nation's "Best Affordable Suburbs," and *Money* Magazine has ranked Herndon among its "Best Places for the Rich and Single."

For more information, visit the town's Web site at www.herndon-va.gov.

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